

#### Abstract Submissions

American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
1000 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Receipt of each abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail, fax, or mail. Notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be distributed by December 31, 1998.

Essayists selected for the program are reminded that papers presented at the meeting are to be submitted for consideration for publication to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must be handed to the Chair immediately prior to their presentation.

#### C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

The Second Annual C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum will be held on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1999. Made possible through an educational grant from St Jude Medical, the Forum will consist of the presentation of original work by residents in thoracic surgical training programs in North America. Abstracts submitted for the award should follow the guidelines of abstract submission for electronic or paper submission noted above. The abstracts submitted for consideration for this Forum will be evaluated by the Program Committee and eight will be selected for presentation during the forum. Each of the selected authors will receive round-trip travel and accommodations for the duration of the AATS annual meeting. Additionally, one presentation will be selected

by the Program Committee to receive the AATS C. Walton Lillehei Residents' Award, a \$5000 prize. Thoracic Surgery Program Directors are urged to have their residents participate in this Forum.

**Abstract Deadlines—Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered**

**Electronic Submission: October 16, 1998**

**Paper Submission: October 2, 1998**

#### Applications for membership

Applications for membership in the Association must have been received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than October 1, 1998. Applications received after that date will be deferred automatically for consideration until the 2000 meeting.

Applicants must be sponsored by three Active or Senior Members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Members should write the Chairman of the Membership Committee requesting that an application form be sent to the candidate. Requests may be sent to:

Chairman, Membership Committee  
American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
Thirteen Elm Street  
Manchester, MA 01944  
(978) 526-8330; fax (978) 526-4018;  
e-mail: aats@prri.com

*Tirone E. David, MD, Secretary*

---

## THE WESTERN THORACIC SURGICAL ASSOCIATION

### Announcement of 1999 Annual Meeting

**T**he Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 23-26, 1999, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley (Lake Tahoe), California. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants will require payment of a social registration fee. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a scientific registration fee of \$200 in addition to the social registration fee.

#### Requests for meeting information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms are available from:

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association  
Thirteen Elm Street  
Manchester, Massachusetts 01944  
(978) 526-8330; fax (978) 526-7521

#### Material for the program

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary. Abstracts of proposed papers must be received by the Program Chairman on or before January 13, 1999, and must be accompanied by a Transmittal of Abstract Form.

All abstracts submitted must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain